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SUBJECT: ARTICLE IN THE "OBSERVER" ON U.S.-UK POLICY ON
RHODESIA

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS PASSED US FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
ONLY. YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT UK MESSAGE:

1. NEWS DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT TOMORROW'S
"OBSERVER" WILL CARRY A STORY FROM DAVID MARTIN
THEIR CORRESPONDENT IN DAR BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH
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THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY AMERICAN EMISSARY NOW IN AFRICA (SCHAUFEELE) THAT KISSINGER HAS AGREED A PLAN WITH HMG, UNDER WHICH WE WOULD TAKE OVER MILITARILY IN RHODESIA AND THAT THIS PLAN WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BETWEEN VORSTER AND KISSINGER IN TEHRAN SHORTLY.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE ARTICLE AS PRINTED BUT UNTIL THEN NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE THE LINE IN ANSWER TO PRESS ENQUIRIES THAT HMG HAS NO RPT NO PLAN FOR A MILITARY TAKEOVER IN RHODESIA: THAT NO RPT NO SUCH PLAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED: THAT NATURALLY WE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE AMERICANS ON RHODESIA AS WITH MANY OTHER MATTERS: THAT WE ARE THEREFORE AWARE OF SCHAUFEELE'S MISSION: BUT THAT IT IS FOR THE AMERICANS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BOTH THAT SUBJECT AND ON THE QUESTION OF ANY FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND VORSTER.

END TEXT.

3. DEPT. SPOKESMAN WILL RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES AS NECESSARY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
BEGIN QUOTE: NO SUCH PLAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES. MR. SCHAUFEELE'S VISIT TO AFRICA WAS FOR THE PURPOSE WE HAVE STATED, NAMELY, TO CONSULT WITH AFRICAN LEADERS FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MR. VORSTER. AS FOR A FURTHER MEETING WITH MR. VORSTER, AS WE HAVE SAID, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING SUCH A MEETING. END QUOTE.

4. FOR LONDON: INFORM NEWS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE OF OUR PRESS GUIDANCE IN PARA THREE ABOVE. ROBINSON

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